

# Multiple Agency Fiscal Note Summary

<b>Bill Number:</b> 5484 SB	<b>Title:</b> Food/environmental steward.
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## Estimated Cash Receipts

NONE

Agency Name	2023-25		2025-27		2027-29	
	GF- State	Total	GF- State	Total	GF- State	Total
Local Gov. Courts						
Loc School dist-SPI						
Local Gov. Other	Fiscal note not available					
Local Gov. Total						

## Estimated Operating Expenditures

Agency Name	2023-25				2025-27				2027-29			
	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total	FTEs	GF-State	NGF-Outlook	Total
Washington State University	Fiscal note not available											
State Conservation Commission	2.3	2,173,616	2,173,616	2,173,616	2.3	2,173,616	2,173,616	2,173,616	2.3	2,173,616	2,173,616	2,173,616
Department of Fish and Wildlife	Fiscal note not available											
Department of Natural Resources	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0	.0	0	0	0
Department of Agriculture	Fiscal note not available											
<b>Total \$</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2,173,616</b>	<b>2,173,616</b>	<b>2,173,616</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2,173,616</b>	<b>2,173,616</b>	<b>2,173,616</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2,173,616</b>	<b>2,173,616</b>	<b>2,173,616</b>

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total
Local Gov. Courts									
Loc School dist-SPI									
Local Gov. Other	Fiscal note not available								
Local Gov. Total									

## Estimated Capital Budget Expenditures

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total	FTEs	Bonds	Total
Washington State University	Fiscal note not available								
State Conservation Commission	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Department of Fish and Wildlife	Fiscal note not available								
Department of Natural Resources	.0	0	0	.0	0	0	.0	0	0
Department of Agriculture	Fiscal note not available								
<b>Total \$</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Agency Name	2023-25			2025-27			2027-29		
	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total	FTEs	GF-State	Total
Local Gov. Courts									
Loc School dist-SPI									
Local Gov. Other	Fiscal note not available								
Local Gov. Total									

## Estimated Capital Budget Breakout

NONE

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# Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

<b>Bill Number:</b> 5484 SB	<b>Title:</b> Food/environmental steward.	<b>Agency:</b> 471-State Conservation Commission
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## Part I: Estimates

**No Fiscal Impact**

### Estimated Cash Receipts to:

NONE

### Estimated Operating Expenditures from:

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3
<b>Account</b>					
General Fund-State 001-1	1,086,808	1,086,808	2,173,616	2,173,616	2,173,616
<b>Total \$</b>	1,086,808	1,086,808	2,173,616	2,173,616	2,173,616

### Estimated Capital Budget Impact:

NONE

*The cash receipts and expenditure estimates on this page represent the most likely fiscal impact. Factors impacting the precision of these estimates, and alternate ranges (if appropriate), are explained in Part II.*

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- Capital budget impact, complete Part IV.
- Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

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## Part II: Narrative Explanation

### II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

*Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.*

Section 2 of the bill adds new definitions for sustainable farms and fields advisors, climate-smart practices, cooperating areas, and sustainable farms and fields plans in RCW 89.08.610.

Section 3 of the bill adds a new section to 89.08 RCW directing the Commission to develop a network of sustainable farms and fields advisors where groups of conservation districts (CDs) will hire, host, and share the services of sustainable farms and fields advisors.

The advisors will provide consultations and develop sustainable farms and fields plans for interested farmers and food processors to help them reduce their carbon footprint by increasing energy efficiency, utilizing more green energy, sequestering carbon and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The advisors will also inform CDs, farmers, and food processors about local state and federal funding opportunities.

The bill establishes a new position within the Commission that is responsible for coordinating the advisors, disseminating current information about energy efficiency and climate-smart practices and funding opportunities, applying for grants, writing progress reports, and other duties as needed.

Section 4 of the bill clarifies language under RCW 89.08.615 about fundable activities under the sustainable farms and fields grant program including the inclusion of practices that increase energy efficiency and utilization of green energy.

Section 5 adds accomplishments of the sustainable farms and field advisors in the biennial reports the SCC submits to the legislature and Governor's office.

### II. B - Cash receipts Impact

*Cash receipts impact of the legislation on the responding agency with the cash receipts provisions identified by section number and when appropriate, the detail of the revenue sources. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the cash receipts impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.*

### II. C - Expenditures

*Agency expenditures necessary to implement this legislation (or savings resulting from this legislation), with the provisions of the legislation that result in the expenditures (or savings) identified by section number. Description of the factual basis of the assumptions and the method by which the expenditure impact is derived. Explanation of how workload assumptions translate into cost estimates. Distinguished between one time and ongoing functions.*

We assume that establishing and coordinating a statewide network of SFF advisors that conservation districts would hire, host, and share the services of would require the SCC to:

- Hire an SFF Coordinator (Program Specialist 4) to coordinate the advisors, disseminate current information about energy efficiency and climate-smart practices and funding opportunities, apply for grants, write progress reports, etc. This would require an increase in our FTE count by 1.0.
- Work with conservation districts to a) establish geographic pools based on the number of SFF advisors; b) create an SFF committee for each pool, and c) identify host conservation districts
- Develop funding agreements with host conservation districts; process expense vouchers submitted by host conservation districts for SFF advisors.
- The SCC anticipates coordination and collaboration with other agencies engaged in increasing energy efficiency, green energy, and climate-smart practices on agricultural land. However, the SCC does not anticipate direct impacts to other agency activities.

We anticipate the addition of SFF Advisors would have the following fiscal impact:

- SCC SFF Coordinator (Program Specialist 4): \$85,342 for salary + benefits (s/b) + \$5K annual travel expenses totaling \$90,342.
- Eight SFF Advisors (Environmental Specialist 5) @ \$98,901 salary + benefits (s/b) + \$12K travel expenses and laptop/phone and other goods per Advisor totaling \$887,208.
- SCC would need up to 5% of funding to fiscally administer and oversee the program; this is reflected in the Salaries and Benefits of 0.2 FTE of a Fiscal Analyst 3 (Range 50, Step J) and .1 FTE of a Management Analyst 5 (Range 64, Step L).

### Part III: Expenditure Detail

#### III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

Account	Account Title	Type	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
001-1	General Fund	State	1,086,808	1,086,808	2,173,616	2,173,616	2,173,616
<b>Total \$</b>			1,086,808	1,086,808	2,173,616	2,173,616	2,173,616

#### III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
FTE Staff Years	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3
A-Salaries and Wages	140,444	140,444	280,888	280,888	280,888
B-Employee Benefits	49,156	49,156	98,312	98,312	98,312
C-Professional Service Contracts					
E-Goods and Other Services	5,000	5,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
G-Travel	5,000	5,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
J-Capital Outlays					
M-Inter Agency/Fund Transfers					
N-Grants, Benefits & Client Services	887,208	887,208	1,774,416	1,774,416	1,774,416
P-Debt Service					
S-Interagency Reimbursements					
T-Intra-Agency Reimbursements					
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<b>Total \$</b>	1,086,808	1,086,808	2,173,616	2,173,616	2,173,616

#### III. C - Operating FTE Detail: *List FTEs by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals need to agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA*

Job Classification	Salary	FY 2024	FY 2025	2023-25	2025-27	2027-29
Management Analyst 5, Range 64 Step L	91,524	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Natural Resource Scientist 3, Range 60 Step H	75,120	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Program Specialist 3, Range 53 Step H	63,216	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Program Specialist 4, Range 56 Step H	68,076	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
<b>Total FTEs</b>		2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3

#### III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

### Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

#### IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

**IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose**

NONE

**IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout**

*Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.*

NONE

**IV. D - Capital FTE Detail:** *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE

**Part V: New Rule Making Required**

*Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.*

# Individual State Agency Fiscal Note

<b>Bill Number:</b> 5484 SB	<b>Title:</b> Food/environmental steward.	<b>Agency:</b> 490-Department of Natural Resources
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## Part I: Estimates

**No Fiscal Impact**

**Estimated Cash Receipts to:**

NONE

**Estimated Operating Expenditures from:**

NONE

**Estimated Capital Budget Impact:**

NONE

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- Requires new rule making, complete Part V.

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## Part II: Narrative Explanation

### II. A - Brief Description Of What The Measure Does That Has Fiscal Impact

*Significant provisions of the bill and any related workload or policy assumptions that have revenue or expenditure impact on the responding agency by section number.*

The bill is proposing that the State Conservation Commission establish a program that provides additional technical assistance to farmers and food processors to help increase energy efficiency, further reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and increase carbon sequestration. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is not named for any action, and landowners would voluntarily seek the assistance, so there is no fiscal impact to DNR.

### II. B - Cash receipts Impact

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## Part III: Expenditure Detail

### III. A - Operating Budget Expenditures

NONE

### III. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

**III. C - Operating FTE Detail:** *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part I and Part IIIA.*

NONE

### III. D - Expenditures By Program (optional)

NONE

## Part IV: Capital Budget Impact

### IV. A - Capital Budget Expenditures

NONE

### IV. B - Expenditures by Object Or Purpose

NONE

### IV. C - Capital Budget Breakout

*Acquisition and construction costs not reflected elsewhere on the fiscal note and description of potential financing methods.*

NONE

**IV. D - Capital FTE Detail:** *FTEs listed by classification and corresponding annual compensation. Totals agree with total FTEs in Part IVB.*

NONE



**Part V: New Rule Making Required**

*Provisions of the bill that require the agency to adopt new administrative rules or repeal/revise existing rules.*